Masonic Temple_ PER DUE HILL, ALA. (Claiborne, Ala. - former Location)

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Project #16-103 MASONIC TEMPLE Perdue Hill, Alabama

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built in 1825.

Architect or builder:

John Parks supervised the construction of the building. He was a resident of Claiborne, Ala.

Ownership:

Masonic Lodge of Claiborne, Alabama were the original owners.

The Woman's Club of Perdue Hill, Alabama are the present owners and occupants.

Claiborne:

Here, at Claiborne, Alabama, the Masonic Hall was built in 1825. The town of Claiborne had been named for the General Claiborne who led the Mississippi troops during the Creek uprisings, of the War of 1812.

General LaFayette:

In 1825, shortly after the construction of this building, during the month of April, the Marquis de LaFayette arrived at Claiborne. This visit was made the occasion for a big reception in his honor, given at this Masonic Temple.

Perdue Hill:

About forty years after the visit of General La-Fayette, this building was moved to the village of Perdue Hill, one mile east of Claiborne. Here, it continued to be used as a Masonic Hall until a few years ago, when it was acquired by the Woman's Club. Today, it is used as a meeting place for the Club, a recreation center, and a museum.

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